

NEWSLETTER



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
4 - 8 March	Year 3 residential parent meeting 5.30pm Stoats class swimming KS1 Multi- skills 3.30- 4.30pm	Year 6 netball at Park School	Movies & Munchies Club	World Book Day PTA Wonka Bar Sale	Years 3/4 Netball tournament @ CCC
11 - 15 March	Years 4/5 residential trip Lions class Mothers Day assembly 2.45pm KS1 Multi- skills 3.30- 4.30pm				Drama afternoon Years 3 and 4 PTA discos: KS1 - 5.00- 6.00pm KS2 - 6.30 - 7.30pm

Key Dates

22 Mar Non-uniform day 15 April Cricket years R-4	
22 Mar Tree planting event 24 April Cricket years 5-6	
27 Mar SEND Parents Forum 25 April Parent Online Safety presenta	ion
27-28 Mar Year 3 residential trip 13 May KS2 SATs week	
28 Mar Last day of term 17 May Choir at Devon County Show	

Dear All,

It has been lovey to have a bit of respite from all the rain in the last couple of days — lets hope that this continues! Despite all the rain, we haven't let this dampen our enthusiasm over the last two weeks with our learning and fun activities at Chulmleigh Primary! Highlights from across the school have included: Dogs Trust workshops, Stoats starting swimming lessons, KS2 lunchtime football club and BEAM house residential parent meeting.

I am very proud to announce that Megan and Elliot (both from Year 6) have been successful in competing in the North Devon Virtual Gymnastic finals. Several entries from school were sent via digital recordings to the judges for this virtual event as part our gymnastic lessons. Out of over 80 entries for each year group, Megan and Elliot have made it through to the virtual North Devon final. They will now create a new routine which will be sent to the judges again. We are so proud of them both for reaching the finals amongst such a talented pool of children. Good luck Megan and Elliot for the next round. A huge thanks to Mrs Welch as well for entering our children into this event.

International School Award

We are also celebrating another accolade for Chulmleigh Primary this week as we have just been awarded the foundation level award from the International School Award by the British Council. The International School Award rewards schools that have shown a commitment to embedding international awareness and understanding within their classes and whole school. We have been raising the children's global citizenship awareness through whole school assemblies, lessons and most recently with corresponding with Mrs Bartlett whilst she is teaching in Nepal. The reason that we have been learning about the International School Awards is to help our children develop:

- an increased knowledge, awareness and tolerance about other countries, cultures and languages
- confidence in communicating with people from different backgrounds
- skills to successfully live and work in a global and mobile society
- literacy skills when writing stories and letters for specifics audiences

We are in regular contact with Mrs Bartlett and the classes she is teaching during her voluntary work in Nepal. Recently, she sent over a list of questions that her class from the Bamboo School wanted to ask some of our children about school life in England. Three of our Year 6 girls were filmed answering some of their questions and this was sent back to Nepal for Mrs Bartlett to show the children in her class. Mrs Bartlett told us that the children loved hearing from our children and I know that our children are also enjoying learning about life in Nepal from similar aged children. This week, the children have also been looking through many photos and watching videos about life in Nepal which is really bringing their global citizenship learning to life.

We have also received a letter and certificate from the British Council congratulating us on achieving this award. The letter says: "Congratulations to you and your pupils on gaining the International School Award Foundation Certificate: Introducing Internationalism. You have demonstrated an excellent start in promoting the international dimension across your school and highlighting the benefits of learning in a global context. Your commitment to extending and embedding internationalism in your curriculum is a valuable aspect of your school ethos."

I would like to say a massive thank you to Ms Hancock and Mrs Bartlett for all their hard work in coordinating and submitting the necessary evidence in order for us to achieve this award. The children are really benefitting from this first hand experience that they are providing. Ms Hancock is also updating our International School display in the hall on a regular basis and I know the children love looking at the new photos and information that has been placed on display. Below are some of the photos from Nepal that have been shared with the children.

For more information on the International Schools Award, please follow Why take part? | British Council



LGBTQ+ History Month

February is an important month which celebrates LGBTQ+ history across the world. We are also celebrating this important month at Chulmleigh Primary. The children were reminded of what LGBTQ+ terms meant and why we celebrate this important month. During the assembly and PSHE lessons, the children learnt about some of the real pioneers in changing history and laws to make everyone feel safe and valued. They learnt about five important artists who have used art and their influences to challenge homophobia and discrimination. As ever, the children were keen to learn more about what they can do to make the world a better place to live and to call out the injustices in the world. The children also loved hearing about the heart-warming true story of two male penguins who have created their own family in the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo in New York.



For more information on LGBTQ+ month, please follow the link from the Proud Trust: https://www.theproudtrust.org/trusted-adults/

Dogs Trust visits

We were treated to a whole school assembly and class workshops last week from Emily at the Dogs Trust. She spent two days across the school teaching the children how to be safe around dogs, how to be a responsible dog owner and how to be confident around dogs. As part of the class workshops, Emily also taught the children what important and necessary understanding children and adults need to have to be a careful and considerate pet owner. Additionally, the children had to discuss and think about the dogs they know and live with, and those they may see out and about in the community. The children were amazed to know that there are nearly 9 million dogs in the UK and how vital the Dogs Trust Charity is at saving and rehoming dogs across the UK.

Emily commented on how knowledgeable, polite and diligent the children were as she went from class to class to complete the workshops. Receiving positive feedback like this from visitors is always lovely to hear as it lets us know that our children are really living our values of Compassion, Ambition and Teamwork.

Emily also recommends that parents visit https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/dog-advice/life-with-your-dog/at-home/dog-and-child-safety to know more about how to keep children safe at home if you have a dog in the house.

Safeguarding Updates - OPAL assemblies

It has been just over a term and a half since we launched Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) and we have not looked back! Since the introduction of OPAL across the school, we have seen less accidents on the playground, more purposeful and meaningful play as well as the older children really helping to model and scaffold effective play to our youngest children. These findings are pleasing as this is what our intent was and knowing that OPAL is having the impact we wanted on playtimes and lunchtimes is gratifying to witness. The children are always telling prospective parents, visitors and volunteers how much they love OPAL and how vital it is for their mental health. Part of the success of OPAL is that we have regular whole school OPAL assemblies where we discuss any issues we are noticing and the children have to problem solve how to overcome them. The children know that they must be able to answer four important questions to be safe and are reminded of these questions constantly:

- Am I safe?
- Do I feel safe?
- Is this something that I am comfortable with?
- Am I thinking about the children around me?

They know that if they can answer all four questions with a 'yes', then their play is appropriate and is safe to continue. If not, they have to think of what they need to do to make the answers yes. On the next page are some of the children's suggestions on how playtimes and lunchtimes could be improved by: having a quiet area to sit and chat, having 'Friday Funday!' which involves playing musical instruments or singing and by moving the broken 'parts' bin so it is easier to find if they see something that is no longer safe to play with.

For more tips and guidance on how to encourage more outdoor play at home, please follow the link: https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/NonOpalSchool-A5-Parents-Guide-web.pdf









Sports Coaching Tender - Plymouth Argyle Community Trust

I am delighted to let you know that Plymouth Argyle Community Trust have won the Sports Coaching tender and will be providing this service after Easter. Mrs Welch and I (as PE Lead) met with the Sports Coach Coordinators and have made exciting plans for the summer term and beyond.

Our new coach, Carwyn, will be familiarising himself with the school and classes in the next couple of weeks before he is with us for four afternoons from April. He is a very experienced coach and comes with glowing references and testimonials. We are pleased that he will also be offering four after school clubs which can be booked directly with Plymouth Argyle Community Trust. There will be two Key stage One clubs and two Key stage Two clubs on offer which is what parents requested via the parental survey in June 2023.

Plymouth Argyle Community Trust are also keen to run more competitions and events which is what we want to enhance our PE provision and sporting opportunities. More information on Plymouth Argyle Community Trust can be found at <u>Latest News - Argyle Community Trust</u> and <u>PE/School Sport - Argyle Community Trust</u>

School Newspaper – 'The Chulmleigh Cheer!'

The children's newspaper 'The Chulmleigh Cheer!' is nearly ready to be published and is going to be crammed full of articles, jokes and stories of the children's successes inside and outside of school written by the children. We cannot wait to read the first edition and I know the children are justly proud of their efforts. A huge thanks again to Mrs Chant for all her time, enthusiasm and dedication she is giving to get the newspaper produced and published. We really do appreciate the gargantuan role you have undertaken. Don't forget that photos, work and certificates can also be shared in the Chulmleigh Cheer so please do encourage your child/ren to share these successes with the newspaper club so they can be added to the newspaper!

School Improvement Update - Whole School Writing Moderation

Last week, I had the privilege of leading staff from across our Trust's primary schools to moderate many children's writing from all the three schools. Ensuring that our grammar, spelling and punctuation teaching is effective is one of our main school improvement priorities this year. During the twilight meeting, the staff worked collaboratively to moderate the many samples of children's writing from across our family of schools and to ascertain if our grammar, spelling and punctuation skills are being independently applied by the children in their writing. Satisfyingly, all staff commented that they can see the children applying their grammar, spelling and punctuation skills into their English work and across the curriculum. Recent pupil voice through monitoring also noted that our "children are more familiar with grammar terminology and can quickly recall terms and meanings relevant to their current and previous years' learning is more embedded compared to this time last year." This shows that we are making good progress with improving our grammar, spelling and punctuation school improvement priority.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Update – Deaf Awareness Training

Recently, Our SEND Lead, Theresa Niejadilk, organised for the staff from across the school to receive training on deaf awareness, what to look out for and the strategies to employ in the classroom, by one of Devon's hearing impairment specialist teachers. During the session, we were made aware of what good practice for hearing impaired learners entails and how we can develop our understanding to best support all children in school. This information is crucial in ensuring that our teaching and additional interventions are having maximum impact so all children can progress, flourish and excel at school. More information on how families can be supported can be found at: Services for families | National Deaf Children's Society (ndcs.org.uk)

Attendance Updates

As you know, Chulmleigh Primary and the Academy Trust has an unwavering commitment to improve attendance and punctuality at school as we know what a difference it makes to every child's attainment and progress. As a school, we have the motto 'Make Every Minute Count' in our learning. With attendance, 'Every Day Counts' as the infographic below shows the shocking impact of missing just one day from school, once a fortnight, for the child's 13 years of schooling can have on their whole schooling.

"Every Day Counts"

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

If your child misses	that equals	which is	and over 13 years of school that's
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 Years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

The government and the NHS have also recently produced posters highlighting the importance of children attending school with mild illnesses such as coughs and colds. A selection of these posters are below and can be found at: <u>DfE Attendance campaign guidelines 20204 (windows.net)</u>





Our current attendance rate of 96.1% is in line with the targets set by the Department of Education and the Trust which is 96%. This week, the year group attendance is:

Year R: 99.6%
Year 1: 95.7%
Year 2: 97%
Year 3: 95.5%
Year 4: 96%
Year 5: 95.8%
Year 6: 94.7%

Thank you all for your continued support.

With Kind Regards,

Martin Evely and all staff at Chulmleigh Primary School



PTA News & Events

Hi everyone, so great to be back after a rather soggy half term (is it Spring yet?). Take a look at our upcoming events, and the money we have raised for our school. We would love for the kids and the big kids to be involved as much as possible. Please keep your ideas and requests coming to PTA@chumleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

Your Spring Cleaning efforts have raised a massive £210 via Bags 2 School!

Thank you again for all of your donations.





March date TBC

Our next Movie and Munchies is WONKA! Pick up will be at 17:15.

Payment is £1.50 via the MyEd App - available to buy now!



Friday 15th March D.I.S.C.O

Discos are back, dancing shoes on, glow sticks in hand, KS1 & KS2 Disco's to be held on 15th March.

£2.50 per child to be booked through MyEd.

7th March: Wonka's Golden Ticket

Channeling our inner Willy Wonka the PTA will be selling Wonka Bars on World Book Day, any child with a golden ticket will win a prize. £1 per ticket available on MyEd.

Prizes up for grabs include:

- Vue cinema tickets
- Scott cinema
- Exmoor zoo
- Honey farm
- Wai2Play
- Bear trails
- Wrestling
- Waterstones book
- Chocolate hamper



We are always looking for helpers and greatly appreciate anything you can offer. If you would like to get involved with the PTA, please email PTA@chumleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk or find one of us around school. Keep a look out for more information on all our upcoming events and as always thank you for all your support.





Cubs & Tigers

This week in Nursery we have been finding out about dinosaurs and Finn from Bumblebee's class come down to show the children his Megalodon tooth, and he talked about his favourite dinosaurs. The children were very keen and asked him lots of questions – he is very knowledgeable, and we learnt lots!

We also had a volcano science experiment and the children got very excited when it started to fizz over!

Lions

The dinosaurs have arrived! I am sure you have heard about the enormous egg that the children found last Tuesday. They searched the school and asked all the adults, but they could not find a dinosaur in the school! The children worked as a team to make a comfortable nest for the egg and waited for the egg to hatch. Luckily, they didn't have to wait long as this week they returned to the classroom to find that the egg had hatched. Not only did we have our very own dinosaur to look after, we were also left with lots of baby dinosaurs that had taken over the classroom! The children are now busy making dinosaur beds, thinking of dinosaur names and writing instructions on how to look after dinosaurs! We have also been excavating dinosaur eggs, which did get a little messy! The children demonstrated high levels of perseverance, using the tools to carefully find the dinosaurs hidden inside the eggs.

We enjoyed some yummy pancakes last week. The children added their own toppings and discussed which topping they liked the best before recording this in a sentence. We even had time for some pancake racing outside!

We are also busy learning some songs to sing to you on 11th March. We hope you can attend our Mother's Day service which is taking place on 11th March in the school hall at 3pm.

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have had a busy couple of weeks. In maths we have returned to learning about place value and learning about tens and ones. We are now focusing on numbers up to 50. We are also continuing to practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as learning our doubles! We have been having fun in class, making it a competition between boys and girls.

In English we have moved on to a new book called Daisy Doodles. Children have enjoyed learning about how Daisy uses her imagination to create the story.

In History we have started learning about homes in the past and this week looked at Victorian houses. Children were shocked to hear that children from poor families did not go to school and said they were going to tell Mr Evely because it wasn't being fair!!

In Science we have started learning about animals. PE this half term is football and RE we are learning about Easter.

Dragonflies

We have had a great start to our new unit of history learning. The children enjoyed the Medieval Day, especially the banquet and we loved seeing all of the children in their amazing costumes. We will continue to learn about who lived in a castle and what jobs they did and common types of medieval castles and their features.

In Maths we are learning about multiplication and division and in English our new book is linked to Amelia Earhart. At the end of the English unit, children will write a sequential biography about events in someone's life that happened in the past.

In science, we are learning about plants and plant growth. The children will be learning about plants we eat, conditions needed for plants to grow and common names of plants and trees.

We have loved looking at all of the home learning on the 'Learning with Parents' platform. Thank you for your support with this. New activities will be uploaded every Friday for completion by the end of the following week. If you have any questions, please contact me. Many Thanks Mrs Niejadlik



Barn Owls

Wow! Barn Owls have had a fantastic start to this half term. We have been reading "Oliver and The Seawigs" and our writing unit is based on the book. Every child made their own seawig hat for our "Night Of The Seawigs" competition. It was a very difficult decision to decide who was the winner so 3 winners were chosen - Skyla, Evie and Orla for their fantastic seawigs. In Maths we have been starting our unit on fractions and thinking about the numerator and the denominator. We have also been working really hard at our new focus times table – the 6x table. Our main topic this half term is an introduction to Modern Europe so we have already been finding out countries and locating them on maps. In Science we are looking at plants and growing with Ms Keen. We really enjoyed our visit from the Dog's Trust and found out lots of interesting facts about dogs and how we should interact with them.

Mrs Jackson has been loving seeing all the photos on the Learning with Parents app and reading how everyone is doing with the home activities – well done, Barn Owls.









Bumblebees

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after half term. We have had a number of birthdays in Bumblebees and the children are enjoying celebrating each other turning 9! We have also welcomed Lily -Mai to our class. The children are also getting excited about our residential trip, in a couple of weeks.

We have started several new topics in Year 4 – in Science we are looking at 'States of Matter' and we are looking forward to doing some experiments with solids, liquids, and gases. In Geography we are visiting European countries to find out about their capital cities, rivers, mountains and cultures. We'll be linking this to our computing lessons to do our research and look at Google maps. You may be surprised to know that there are 44 countries in Europe! Can you name them all? We're aiming for knowing eight and their capital cities.

In English we are working on writing an explanation text and using a book called 'Until I Met Dudley'. The book contains imaginary explanations for how everyday items work alongside real explanations provided by Dudley.

Stoats & Squirrels

Since half term we have begun new topics in Year 5. The children are learning about the history of the Slave Trade and linking this through the class text "Freedom" written by Catherine Johnson. They are at the early stages of seeing how the trade started, with a "Trade triangle" from Europe to Africa to the Caribbean and back to Europe. In English they are also choosing to research elements of African life, guided by their own interests, and will be creating an information leaflet in due course.

We have just begin to build on our existing learning about Forces in Science, following on from Earth and Space earlier in the term. In Maths they are continuing with decimals, fractions and percentages and will soon be moving on to area and perimeter. In Art, we have been practising continuous line drawings which have helped the children to really look closely at what they are drawing. We will develop our drawing skills next by learning to add tone and depth to our work.

Stoats are enjoying swimming, and both classes have begun a Music unit using "p-buzzes" which is taught by one of our team of peripatetic teachers.

We are looking forward to World Book Day next week on 7th March, and thank you for your support for this annual event.



In February 2024, our KS2 pupils have read...

525 books

4,226,467 words

for 116 minutes per day!









Otters

Year 6 have had a fab couple of weeks with their learning. They have started their new topic Maafa which they are really engaged with. It is all about the slave trade and we are expanding our learning into other subjects such as PSHE where we are talking about equality. They have been imagining what life would have been like as a slave and in English they have been writing some very emotive diary entries! In topic, they worked in groups making freeze frames of each stage of a slaves journey from capture to working on the plantations!

In Maths, they have been working on area, perimeter and volume – trying to remember all the formulas for finding them! They are now moving onto data and learning how to interpret a pie chart!

They are really enjoying PE at the moment as it is football and they are developing their skills as well as competing – they are teaching me a few things too, their football knowledge is much stronger than mine! As it is LBGT+ month, we have been having very in depth and mature discussions in PSHE which have been very thought provoking for all. They are becoming much more confident at voicing their opinions as well as respecting what each other have to say, I am very proud of them.

Reminder that PE is on a Tuesday and Friday and homework should be handed in on a Wednesday ready for us to go through and mark as a class.

Thank you as always for your continued support.







Supporting parents or carers to help their children use the internet safely

"I'm not a Police Officer, and most definitely not a Tech expert. In fact, I'm a bit like you, a parent who wants to make my child's use of the internet as safe as possible" (Jon Galling, Senior Education Safeguarding Officer for Devon County Council and deliverer of this workshop)

The session is designed not to scare or intimidate, but to reflect and review what the dangers of the online or virtual world are and how, as parents and carers we can help our children navigate the challenges they will face.

The session will help those attending to:

- · Understand the risks and some ways in which these can be managed
- Understand the benefits of technology including as support for mental health and wellbeing
- Know where to go to find practical support
- · Consider how to support your child navigate their 'virtual world'

Contact us: devoneducationservices.co.uk/contact-us/
Alternatively, to discuss your requirements contact: 07568 102728



All parents & carers are welcome to join us on Thursday, 25th April at 6pm in Chulmleigh College - Heywood Hall. Please note this is for parents only - children should not attend.





HOME INFORMATION



March's Musician of the Month

Wolfgang *G*madeus Mozart







About: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791) was a prolific and influential composer of the Classical period. Despite his short life, his rapid pace of composition resulted in more than 800 works of virtually every genre of his time. Many of these compositions are acknowledged as pinnades of the symphonic, concertante, chamber, operatic, and choral repertoire. Mozart is widely regarded as among the greatest composers in the history of Western music. His Requiem was largely unfinished by the time of his death at the age of 35, the circumstances of which are uncertain and much mythologised.

Genres: Classical, Opera, Chamber, Choral Active from: 1764-1791
Origin: Salzburg, Austria

Books to read...

If you like Mozart, try...







- Giuseppe Verdi
- Marianna Martinez
- Felix Mendelssohn

Chulmleigh Primary School



Our Out of School Club can take Childcare Vouchers Check if you're eligible for tax-free childcare the Government-backed tax-free childcare scheme esterlially give eligible tames 20% of childcare costs, for cooking the sevent of the control of the Covernment adds 20% for every 80% you pay in. You then pay your childcare provider from that account. New Childcare Voucher users. Parents can check if they are eligible, and apply for an account by going to wave parent school for those free childcare. Setting user may already for those free childcare. Computerbare Voucher services: This James count computer free vouchers exists.

scheme to new entrants on the 4th October 2018.
If you are interested in signing up for the OOSC, please contact your School

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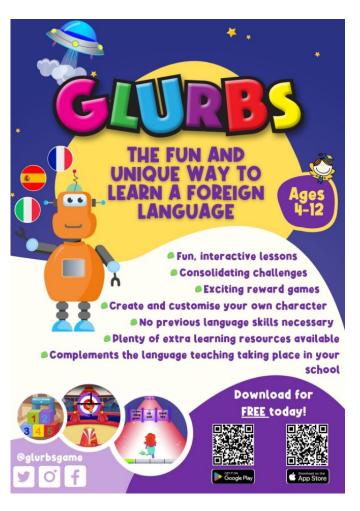
Bring in your old ink cartridges and pop them in the box just inside the front door of the school! Such an easy way to raise funds for our lovely school!





www.skipssafetynet.org

Skips





FRESH FRUIT \$ YOGHURT **SERVED DAILY**



SPRING MENU

FRIDAY







Macaroni Cheese, Focaccia and Peas

Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo

Ham or Cheese Roll with Salad Sticks

MONDAY



Vegetable Fajita, New Potatoes and Coleslaw

Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo

Sausage Roll with Salad Sticks

Toad in the Hole, Mashed Potato, Sweetcorn, Carrots and Gravy

WEDNESDAY

Quorn Toad in the Hole, Mashed Potato, Sweetcom, Carrots and Gravy

Leek, Potato and Cheese Bake, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy

THURSDAY

Vegetable Nuggets, Potato Wedges and Mushy Peas

Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo

Ham or Cheese Roll with Salad Sticks Ham or Cheese Roll with Salad Sticks Pitta Pizza with Salad Sticks

Banana Cake

Oaty Cookie



POTATO



Jam and Coconut Sponge

Carrot Cake











SPRING MENU Week two

FRIDAY



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Vegetable Chilli Nachos and Salad Sticks

MONDAY

TUESDAY

Mild Chicken Korma, Rice and Naan

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Fishcake, Pommes Noisette and Baked Beans

Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo

Ratatouille Pasta Bake, Garlic Focacci and Mixed Salad

Vegetable Biryani and Naan

Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo

Vegan Sausage Roll, Pommes Noisette and Baked Beans



Ham or Cheese Roll with Salad Sticks

Sausage Roll with Salad Sticks

Ham or Cheese Roll with Salad Sticks

Pitta Pizza with Salad Sticks

Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo

Ham or Cheese Roll with Salad Sticks



Melon and Orange Wedges

Lemon Drizzle Cake

Pineapple Cake

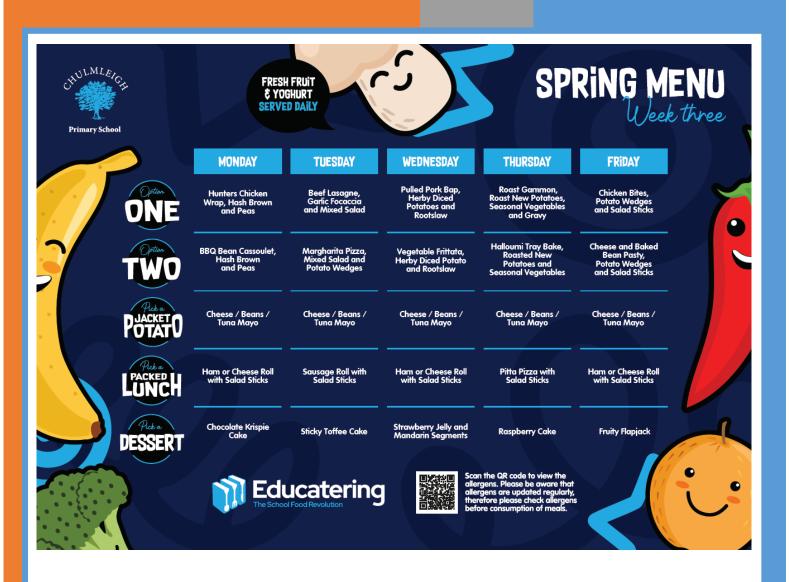
Ice Cream Pot













We currently provide free milk every day to all children in Nursery, Key Stage 1 and those on Free School Meals. If your child isn't eligible for free milk, but you would like them to receive it, you can register online and pay per term. Please visit www.coolmilk.com for more details

Can you help our foodbank?

Our amazing foodbank, which is run by volunteers at The Ark in Lapford, is in desperate need of more 'bags for life' to deliver their food parcels to local residents.

If you can donate any bags, please pop them either into The Ark or to Abby in the school office.











Anxiety, depression, self-harm and other mental health struggles are on the rise in children, particularly following the Covid-19 Pandemic.

As parents, we can be left feeling overwhelmed and helpless, not knowing where to turn for help.

THIS GROUP AIMS TO SUPPORT YOU TO:

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Meet other parents who understand your situation for mutual support.

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Learn strategies to help you support your child, with no judgement!

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Help you to prioritise your own well-being as a parent.

WHEN?

Find out more at our **Information Session** for parents at 7pm on Tues 5th or 1pm on Wed 6th March 2024.

WHERE?

We meet using Zoom and you'll get the link when you register for our Information Session below.

To attend register at www.calendly.com/ymhf/information-session



For more information contact:

Joel Sutton (YMHF) on 07588 792 474

or email joel@youthmentalhealthfoundation.org



Engage with DLD

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) affects about one in 15 people – two children in a class of 30. Despite being as common as ADHD and much more common than Autism, DLD does not have the same level of recognition. This is particularly frustrating because DLD has a huge impact on many areas of life, not just a child's access to learning.

Engage with DLD - <u>E-DLD</u> - aims to connect people with DLD and their families to academic research and they hold regular online events for both professionals and families.

There is a Family and Friends Information and Q&A Event on Tuesday 19 March 2024, 7 to 8pm. This free online event aims to help families to understand what DLD is and what it means for them/their child. Stephen Parsons (a speech and language therapist and chair of NAPLIC) will join the E-DLD team for an easy-to-understand explanation of DLD followed by a Q&A. Please find event details <a href="https://example.com/here/bears/bases-new-market-new-ma





Autism Empowerment Webinar

This one-hour lunchtime webinar is a brief exploration of how Autism can present, the history of Autism, diagnosis as well as differences in communication and social interaction. We will also be looking at how the environment can impact on someone with sensory processing challenges.

The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many strengths autistic individuals have and how we can increase understanding and Neuro-inclusivity through education and raising awareness.

Webinars are held on Zoom on the following dates:

Thursday 29th February 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 29th March 12:30 to 13:30 Friday 26th April 12:30 to 13:30

At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of attendance that will be emailed to your given email address.

The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50!

To book you place on the webinar please either scan the QR code below or go to: www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training

"For every person who understands Autism better, another Autistic person will be happier."Libby Scott, Autistic Author (at age 11)







Remember - if you are concerned about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, contact the MASH on 0345 155 1071 and give as much information as you can. If you would prefer to complete an online form, you can do so here: Child protection - What to do if you're worried about a child's safety? (devon.gov.uk)



Chulmleigh College - Join Our Team - Vacancies at the Trust

A request to our 'bus parents'!

If your child(ren) travels by school bus or taxi, please let us know by MyEd message or by telephone call if the arrangements are different to usual or if they will vary throughout the coming week. We will confirm that we have received your message.

Messages in the home-school diaries can unfortunately get missed if classroom staff are absent, whereas messages online or by phone can reach various members of the Admin team even in Abby's absence.

Teachers check with their classes each morning and call out a bus register, but children can often get confused or not remember, so a message from home is essential!

Many thanks!





After-school LAMDA drama workshops held each Thursday have proved to be a great success and children are going in confidence and their knowledge of performance skills week by week. We will eventually work towards a performance for parents and through drama games and script reading and lots of ensemble work the children are learning to work confidently as a team.

If you think this is something that your child would be interested in please email for further details to:

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Caring for children with COUGHS

DISTURBED SLEEP

Coughs will often wake your child in the

night. When the child lies down, more

of the mucus from the nose and throat

runs downwards and your child coughs

Coughing is part of the body's defence

and fight the illness. Unfortunately this can wake the child in the night but does

not mean the illness is more severe.

For children over 1 year, a spoon of

honey (perhaps in a warm drink) half

an hour before bed may help them to

For children over 2 years, vapour rubs

(containing camphor, menthol and/

or eucalyptus) may help children

wake less often.

sleep better.

system which helps keep the lungs clear



COUGH

Coughs can last for 3-4 weeks and make your child feel quite unwell but will still get better by themselves.

'Noisy chests' or 'chesty coughs' are quite common when young children catch a cold and are not necessarily a sign of a 'chest infection'.

Healthy children typically get a cough 7-10 times a year and this is not a sign that there is anything wrong with their immune system.

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University of BRISTOL This leaflet contains information about how to look

after a child who has a cough (not due to asthma). For more detail see www.bristol.ac.uk/child-cough



FEVER/HIGH TEMPERATURE

Fever is a normal response to illness and does not harm children. It may even help to fight illness.

This shouldn't cause harm and treating

and ibuprofen to manage children's fever (and pain) for as long as needed. Follow the dosage on the bottle.

DRINKING/EATING LESS

Children often eat and drink less when they have normal childhood illnesses. Most children can go a few days without eating much and this will not affect their longer term growth and development.

All children need to drink regularly to avoid becoming dehydrated, especially if they are vomiting.



In children, a temperature of over 37.5°C is considered a fever.

Children with a high temperature may be more likely to have a more severe illness, although most do not. Occasionally a child may have a fit. the fever doesn't prevent it.

It is safe to use child paracetamol

WHEN TO SEE THE DOCTOR Arrange to see or speak to your doctor today if any of the following occur:

RAPID OR DIFFICULT BREATHING (DEPENDING ON AGE):

AGE OF CHILD	BREATHING RATE
Babies under 6 months	over 60 breaths per minute
Babies 6-12 months	over 50 breaths per minute
Children over 1 year	over 40 breaths per minute
Any age	Being short of breath (as if your child has been running) or is 'working hard' to breathe when resting
Any age	Skin between and below the ribs gets sucked in each time your child takes a breath

HIGH OR PERSISTENT FEVER (DEPENDING ON AGE OF CHILD):

AGE OF CHILD	TEMPERATURE	
Babies under 3 months	38°C or more	
Babies 3-6 months	39°C or more	
Children over 6 months	over 37.5°C for more than 5 days	
If your child has a fever fit, call 999 or take them to A&E.		

VOMITING (DEPENDING ON AGE):

AGE OF CHILD	SYMPTOMS
Babies under 3 months	Vomiting + fever of 38°C or above
Babies 3-6 months	Vomiting + fever of 39°C or above
Children over 6 months	Vomiting + fever + extremely drowsy or listless
Any age	Severe vomiting (child not able to hold down fluids for 8 hours or showing signs of dehydration)
Any age	Persistent vomiting (more than 2 days)

SKIN PALER THAN USUAL

If your child appears much paler than usual; hands and feet are very cold while their body is warm. If skin, lips or tongue appear blue, call 999.

PAIN

Pain in the chest (not when coughing) combined with fever and rapid breathing.

HARD TO WAKE / UNRESPONSIVE

Cannot be woken or wakes only slightly and then immediately goes back to sleep

If your child wakes only with lots of stimulation, or is much less responsive to social stimulation (smiles and talking) than usual

NOT FEEDING

Babies under 1 year: if your child stops feeding entirely.

